

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A commodity selling apparatus for accepting an order of a commodity in response to [[to]] a customer's request to purchase the commodity over a network, and for directly shipping the ordered commodity to the customer, comprising:

order information acquisition means for acquiring order information about the order, wherein the acquiring occurs after acceptance of the customer's request to purchase;

proposed-order determining means for determining a proposed order including a list of one or more related commodities determined to be connectable to the commodity based on related commodity information associated with the commodity, the related commodity information including objective information specifying the objective of using or purchasing the commodity;

related commodity information transmission means for transmitting the proposed order, and a quantity of possible orders, over the network, wherein the quantity of possible orders depends on an inventory of the proposed order;

attention instigation transmitting means for transmitting attention instigation information if one of the related commodities from the proposed order includes functionality that is provided by the commodity ~~is determined to be unnecessarily-redundant;~~ and